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## INSIGHT



## THE MACH READ

### Senior leadership changes forthcoming

A recent senior leader announcement from Air Force Materiel Command has set in motion a chain reaction in leadership here at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Steve Davis, currently the Center's executive director, will retire effective Sept. 3, passing leadership to Ken Percell.

Mr. Percell, who is currently the 402nd Maintenance Wing director, will be replaced by Col. Andrew Busch, who currently serves as the deputy director of Logistics at Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.



Steve Davis



Ken Percell



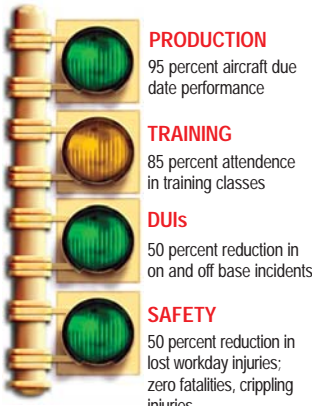
Col. Andrew Busch

### MPF customer service will be open Saturday

The 78th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight's Customer Service Section will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon. Services offered include Common Access Cards, Dependent and Retired Military IDs.

## ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



**WHAT IT MEANS**  
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.  
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The information reflects Robins' progress toward the goal day as of Wednesday.

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# OPEN sesame

## Robins gets ready for new main gate complex to open Aug. 20

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### WHAT TO KNOW

Robins will have a new way to get to work as of Aug. 20, base civil engineers said.

The new main gate complex, including a new visitor center and a personal-owned vehicle inspection building, will align Watson Boulevard with the base, bringing incoming traffic off of Ga. Highway 247 and onto the base.

Gerald Talley, project superintendent with Mississippi-based Dixon Carothers Inc., said despite inclement weather during the course of the 18-month project, crews are on schedule with the \$5 million main gate complex.

"We're pretty much on schedule for opening," he said. "We've had quite a bit of bad weather, but we're pretty certain we'll be able to turn it over in August."

Even though the new main gate will relieve on-coming base traffic, Chip Bridges, a 778th Civil Engineer Squadron civil engineer and Air Force project manager, said it will create some parking and other traffic changes

on the installation.

"When the new gate opens, traffic will be directed straight across Watson Boulevard," he said. "Traffic will come down to the entry where you can either go to the visitor's center or come on the base and go through the guard (checkpoint). Just past the gate, you'll be able to turn left to access the large parking lot behind Building 215; you'll go straight to Byron Street, where there is a traffic signal, and the majority of traffic will turn left there. There are two left-turning lanes and four lanes from there to the flightline, or traffic can

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Gerald Talley, Carothers Construction superintendent, watches as Ben Bridges guides the pouring of concrete at the new main gate construction site July 8.

## Base work force keeps pace with unscheduled aircraft maintenance

### WHAT TO KNOW

► The C-5 section has completed 14 PDM aircraft this year and nine UDLM aircraft.

► The C-130 section has completed 40 PDM and 8 UDLM.

► The F-15 section has completed 74 PDM and two UDLM.

► The C-17 section has completed eight PDM and six UDLM.

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Last year when an enemy missile collided with a C-5 Galaxy immediately after take-off, it landed safely, but one of the workhorses of the aircraft fleet was down for the count.

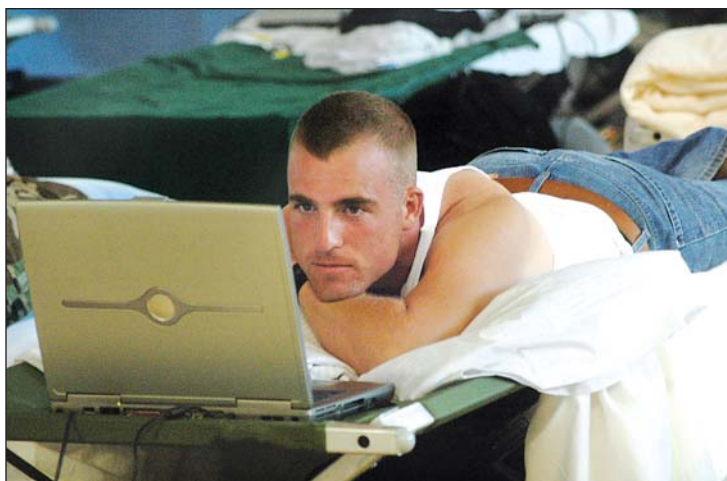
Field repairs were quickly made for a one-time flight to Robins where a team of technicians and support personnel made permanent repairs and released it as war ready.

While programmed depot

maintenance, or PDM, has production success stories like 23 in '03, 100 percent on time delivery in fiscal '04 and is on task for another 100 percent delivery in fiscal '05, unscheduled depot level maintenance stories like this one are also helping keep the war fighter supplied with war winning capability.

When an aircraft is released from the Robins flight line following PDM, it usually doesn't

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airman Christopher Tolley watches a movie Sunday while he waits for Hurricane Dennis to make landfall.

## Robins hosts more than 500 Hurricane Dennis evacuees

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As Hurricane Dennis threatened to blow people from their homes at Florida Air Force bases, Robins was waiting with open arms.

More than 500 people from Eglin and Tyndall Air Force bases and Hurlburt Field fled the whirlwind in Florida and sought shelter at Robins and the Middle Georgia community. At the same time more than 500 additional evacuees from the same area made their way to Fort Benning, Ga., about 100 miles west of here.

Mike Coonfield, base Web master with the 78th

Communications Squadron, worked with his Eglin counterpart, Linda Peach, to provide the latest information for evacuees on Robins' home page. He said the teamwork reflected what Robins is all about.

"I got a call from Linda Peach, the Web master at Eglin, and she asked if we'd post information about Eglin on the Robins' Web site to help evacuees coming this way know what's going on," he said. "We provided contact and other evacuation information. To me, this just showed that regardless what's happening, if there's any way we can help at Robins, we

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## White Knight named as one of 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year

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When Staff Sgt. Sean Belding got a call from Air Force Materiel Command's vice commander, he thought it might be bad news - But nothing could have been further from the truth.

Sergeant Belding, a 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron depot-level aircraft structural maintenance journeyman, who was named as the 2005 AFMC Airman of the Year, was recently recognized as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of 2005.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Sean Belding rivets a damage repair on a C-130 Tuesday.

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### THINK SAFETY

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**SLOW DOWN** ► 396 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY 90/74		SATURDAY 92/72		SUNDAY 94/72	
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MORE IN BRIEF

Logistics Officer Association will meet July 22 at O'Club

The Middle Georgia chapter of the Logistics Officer Association will host a meet and greet for all current members and logistics officers and civilian equivalents interested in membership July 22 at the Officers' Club at 5:30 p.m. In addition to highlighting membership benefits and giving an update on the annual conference to be held in Atlanta in October, fellow members will have the opportunity to meet and greet each other, while enjoying free food, beverages and swimming.

Center commander's golf tournament set for Aug. 5

The inaugural Warner Robins Air Logistic Command Commander's Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 5 with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (limited slots available at 1:30 p.m.) at Pine Oaks Golf Course. The game format will be a four-person team, best ball scramble with net and gross divisions. Teams must have USGA handicap. If they do not have a USGA handicap they should provide their average score. Cost is \$40 for visitors and \$35 for Pine Oaks annual green fee players and includes golf car, green fee, range balls, barbecue lunch, beverages on the course and prizes. Lunch will be available at 11 a.m. For more information and to sign up, contact 1st Lt. Ryan Stebbins at 926-5522 or 78sfs.sf.ordroom@robins.af.mil; Master Sgt. Henry Knipschild at 926-5820 extension 183or henry.knipschild@robins.af.mil; 2nd Lt. Pia Vanessa Tupper at 926-2128 or piavanessa.tupper@robins.af.mil; visit or call the pro shop at 926-4103; or go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the WR-ALC/CC icon. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Summer celebration set for Aug. 6 at Robins Park

Let's Celebrate Summer Bash will be held Aug. 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Robins Park. There will be a fireworks show over Duck Lake around 9:20 p.m. Rides and attractions will include: two climbing walls, hoops basketball challenge, adrenaline rush obstacle course, 9-hole miniature golf course, passenger train, kiddy city, spinning strawberry, merry-go-round, wave of fire slide, swing ride, and turbo tubs ride. For \$5, people can purchase a wristband which will allow them to ride all the rides. Admission is free for children ages 2 and younger. For more information, call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Braves baseball VIP tickets available at travel office

Atlanta Braves VIP ticket sheets, valued over \$400, are available at Information, Tickets and Travel for \$50 a sheet. The sheets include four free tickets, eight home game buy-one get-one free ticket. The tickets are valid for home games. Coupons are redeemable at the Braves ticket office. For more information, call 926-2945.

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return for up to seven years. But due to unscheduled requirements, mishaps or battle damage those plans could change. Known as unscheduled depot level maintenance, or UDLM, repairs that fall outside the PDM cycle are met by a work force dedicated to getting the aircraft back to the war fighter while continuing to meet PDM scheduled outputs. Joe Pirkle, 402nd Maintenance Wing C-130 master scheduler, said PDM is a recurring workload, which for them occurs approximately every five years. "When the aircraft comes in, we do all of the inspections that are required to get it back in service. We fix anything else we find that falls within our work specification," he said. "UDLM items are fixes that fall anywhere in between that PDM cycle. It could be something that breaks on the aircraft or some inspection required that goes beyond the field capability."

Eighty people work in a section stood up one year ago and dedicated to C-130 UDLM aircraft. That group averages 15 UDLM while the entire branch averages 48 PDM aircraft per year. Ronnie Strickland, C-130 weapons systems support center, or WSSC, chief, said UDLMs have been done here for more than 30 years. "We have 13 different models of C-130s and each one has a different work load when they come in," he said. "Work varies from 12,000 to 22,000 man hours depending on the model." Jeff Owens, F-15 WSSC deputy chief, said F-15 UDLMs are performed in the hospital section where major issues found during PDM are repaired to keep from impeding flow of other aircraft. Along with positions for PDM aircraft, there are two positions dedicated for crash damaged or UDLM aircraft. "When an aircraft mishap occurs in the field, the WSSC



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Bill Williams, sheet metal crash damage mechanic, and Master Sgt. Mike Ackerman check repairs made to an F-15 at Robins for UDLM.

here is notified and deployed to assess the damage," Mr. Owens said. "The assessment includes parts needed, the number of man hours expected and whether the aircraft can be flown here or needs transport. If the aircraft cannot be flown, it's shipped via C-5." When an unscheduled F-15 arrives mechanics make the necessary repairs, and then the aircraft is sent to functional test for a functional check flight before it's sent back to its owning unit. The F-15 section averages 100 PDM and three UDLM aircraft per year. Willie Bowman, C-5 WSSC chief, said UDLM repairs such as battle damage gives C-5 personnel a sense of support and accomplishment in the war effort. "We in C-5 Maintenance take pride in knowing that the C-5s are a very important part of the war effort because the C-5 aircraft is the main provider of airlift support of equipment, supplies and personnel," he said.

He added that the C-5 aircraft division is always striving for process improvement through Lean objectives and is presently testing a new system called critical chain program management, which will reduce the number of aircraft at Robins in PDM status. "With the success of C-5 PDM we've been able to take one of four dock facilities in Building 125 and transform it into a UDLM facility for drop in aircraft repairs," he said. The primary use of the dock will be for aircraft requiring torque deck replacements. Aircraft are scheduled there for the remainder of this fiscal year. "We are also performing an emergency power supply unit, or EPSU, modification of several aircraft," he said. "We are performing the torque deck replacement and EPSU modification in conjunction with PDM." Last year the branch produced 17 UDLM aircraft. The torque deck panels are part of the primary structure of

the aircraft aft fuselage and tail section. Torque deck failure could be catastrophic to an aircraft in flight. 402nd Maintenance Group leadership is proud of the job their work force is doing. "We consider UDLM very important workload," said Dana Stanley, 402nd MXG assistant deputy chief. "UDLM work is critical to the war fighter and is additional workload for our people. We have postured ourselves to be very flexible in accepting these additional requirements." The majority of C-17 work done here is not PDM as with the other aircraft divisions, but Global Reach Improvement Program, or GRIP, work, a modification program that adds capability to the war fighter through modifications to the aircraft. According to Kenny Bates, C-17 planning chief, that workload, coupled with a speed line and UDLM aircraft, keeps everyone busy. "We are partners with Boeing

and when they have a problem with an aircraft in the field that needs depot level work, they call us and ask if we can do the work. If we have the facilities and the manpower to do it, we say 'yes' and they send us the aircraft and the funding." UDLM aircraft have three options for repair: They can either be taken to San Antonio's Boeing Aerospace Support Center, have a Boeing team come to them for repair or be brought here. Unlike projected hours for GRIP, the hours on UDLMs are based on finding and fixing the problems. UDLM aircraft are worked at the same time as the GRIP and a recently implemented Y933 speed line where an aircraft goes through a trimming process on the area between the its wing and fuselage, allowing the area to move more smoothly while carrying cargo. A second speed line is also planned for main landing gear work where an aircraft goes through every eight days.

EVACUEES

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are going to step forward and say, 'Let's do it.'" Days before the Category 3 storm slammed the Florida base, Robins was preparing for reception of active-duty military, civilians and their families. From setting up cots in the base gym and housing units to providing meals and special activities to keep visitors entertained, Dan Wells, Family Support Center lead family readiness consultant, said Robins and the Middle Georgia community worked with Eglin support agencies. "Everyone really came through," he said. "Services did a super job and lodging made sure everyone had a place to stay." Capt. Sandra Quinones, 78th Services Division Combat Support Flight commander, who along with Robins' Family Readiness Team provided blankets, pillows and personal hygiene items to incoming evacuees, said everyone played a role in hosting the group.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Robins Fitness Center gym was filled with cots to house evacuees.

"It has been nothing but southern hospitality at its best," she said. Airmen 1st Class Lindsay Reisner and Gavin Baer, Eglin explosives ordnance disposal students, have experienced similar storms in the past and were grateful to have a temporary retreat. Col. Ed Keith, 96th Air Base Wing commander at Eglin, said he's thankful Robins was there when his base needed them. "The support was awesome," he said.

"We went back to Robins because of the great job they did last year with Hurricane Ivan. I have nothing but good things to say about the support here." Colonel Keith said Robins extended a warm welcome to his people. "(They) went out of their way to make our folks comfortable, and we really appreciate it," he said. "It takes a load off of my mind not to have to worry about our personnel, because I know they're taken care of."

Col. Greg Patterson, Robins' base commander, said he is proud of Robins' outstanding support. "Although it looks like we didn't have any hurricane activity at Robins Air Force Base to the outside observer, I can assure you we did," he said. "We were blessed to avoid the strong winds and rain we received with Ivan, thus avoiding the major damage associated with those elements. But we had plenty of activity." Colonel Patterson said Robins came together as a team to help their Air Force neighbors. "Our Family Assistance Center kicked into action July 7 and has been supporting more than 500 evacuees from Tyndall, Hurlburt and Eglin ever since," he said. "I am extremely proud of the support Team Robins provided to our neighboring bases over the weekend. This team, consisting of most of the support activities on base, perfected this process during the last three hurricanes, and are well prepared to support not only Robins' personnel, but also support our friends from Florida throughout the ongoing hurricane season."



## GATE

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turn right to go to the south end of base.”

Mr. Bridges said stop signs on Byron Street will no longer exist. Stop signs will be moved at the intersection of Richard Ray Boulevard and Third Street, making Byron Street a main base thoroughfare. In addition, the new main gate opening will create more parking changes, the civil engineer said.

“On-street parking on Byron Street will go away,” he said. “Reserved parking spaces near there will be relocated to the south side of Building 300, and people will be able to use the parking lot northeast of Building 301.”

As a result, Mr. Bridges said 103 parking spaces will be lost in the Bryon Street area. Crews will also restripe parking spaces in the parking lot behind Building 215, adding about 200 spots. According to Mr. Bridges, 191 parking spaces at the intersection of Page Road and First Street have been contracted for construction in early 2006.

Master Sgt. Reginald Winborne, 78th Security Forces Squadron’s staff noncommissioned officer in charge, said a host of security forces’ operations will move to the new location.

“The Air Force Form 75 (vehicle and personnel pass) for visitors that request access to the installation will move to the new main gate complex,” he said. “We’ll be taking all of our vendor’s pass and contract badge issuing processes (to the new facility).”

Sergeant Winborne said the squadron plans to



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**Tim Rich works on a bollard sleeve at the main gate construction site.**

also move all mail-in processes, such as yearly updates for currently registered vehicles, along with the initial issue and renewal of vehicle decals to the new main gate complex.

Sergeant Winborne said the squadron will evaluate how well processes are handled in the new facility to determine if they will remain.

## AIRMEN

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“There are almost 400,000 people in the Air Force, and these are 12 people out of that (group),” he said. “It’s kind of hard to believe whenever you get this award. It makes me proud that I’m going to represent the Air Force for the next year.”

When Sergeant Belding isn’t repairing cargo and fighter planes, he devotes his time supporting organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

The award, earned by Airmen who demonstrate superior leadership, job performance, and personal achievements, mirrors all that the hard-working 30-year-old Tennessee

native is about, according to Maj. Paul Kanning, 653rd CLSS commander.

“It’s well-deserved,” he said. “This is exactly the type of person the Air Force needs to showcase because he embodies all the Air Force is.”

Ken Percell, 402nd Maintenance Wing director, agreed.

“Staff Sgt. Belding is a highly deserving recipient of this distinguished award,” he said. “His dedication to his job, to the war fighter and to the community is an excellent example of the Air Force core values. (He) has consistently proven himself to provide the best performance possible to keep our aircrews safe, along with being a great wingman to all Airmen.”

An Air Force selection board

at the Air Force Personnel Center considered 45 nominees who represented major commands, direct reporting units, field operating agencies and air staff agencies.

Nominees are authorized to wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year ribbon, while the 12 winners will wear the bronze service star device on the ribbon. The winners will also wear the Outstanding Airman Badge for one year from the date of formal presentation.

The Airmen will be honored at the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington D.C. in September.

*Editor’s Note: Air Force Personnel Center News Service contributed to this article.*

# Survey seeks input in shaping civilian personnel system

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Civil service employees who will soon come under the new National Security Personnel System have until Wednesday to help shape the program.

The NSPS Factor Survey gives general schedule employees the chance to register their views about several performance factors identified for inclusion in the new personnel system.

Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, urged employees to take the 15 or 20 minutes required to complete the online survey to

ensure their views are known.

Views expressed in the survey will have long-term implications, Mr. Abell said. The results will help program implementers determine what factors will be used to evaluate employees’ job performance for the next 15 or 20 years, he said.

“It’s an opportunity for (employees) to have a voice in the system that they are going to be living under and to make sure that we get it right,” said Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the NSPS.

“And we want to get it right,” she said. “We want to hear what

### ON THE WEB

To complete the National Security Personnel System Factor Survey, visit <http://pfsurvey.net/nsps/>.

employees have to say, and we want them to be a part of our design process.”

The current goal is to publish the final regulations in the Federal Register by summer’s end and begin bringing the first employees into the system by the end of the fiscal year, Ms. Lacey said.

## 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group streamlines, organizes shops

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This fiscal year, the shops within the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group are continuing to make steady progress.

Using the 6S process, which stands for safety, sort, straighten, scrub, standardize and sustain, each of the shops is striving to create a safer, more productive, worker-friendly area.

Once they have achieved that environment, it’s up to the employees to make sure it stays that way.

Workers in three shops which recently conducted the events said they are excited about the results.

“The 6S Lean event went great in the F-15 Ramp Shop, thanks to the efforts of both shop personnel and the Lean office,” said Tommie Huff, F-15 Ramp Shop supervisor. “It amazes me how everyone in the shop has gotten involved in sustaining the

accomplishments of the event.”

Changes included replacing outdated equipment, consolidating work space, arranging new storage and taping off work areas to organize various items.

Following the 6S process, the shop has had a 32 percent improvement rate on a standardization checklist used to monitor a shop’s progress.

In the Optical Tooling Shop, there was a 166 percent improvement on the standardization checklist following the 6S event.

Elliott Angle, a shop worker, said the checklist is a good form of checks and balances to keep the shop clean, clutter-free, FOD (foreign object damage) free, safe and organized for a streamlined, efficient working environment.

In the F-15 Canopy Shop, the 6S process led to a 40 percent improvement on the standardization checklist.

“By implementing 6S in our

shop, we have found that the morale of the shop has never been as high as it is now,” said Randall Gibbs, shop work leader. “The pride that everyone has taken in the overall organization of our shop has been great.”

Workers are quick to give thanks to members of the Lean team which helped them complete their 6S process.

“With the help of the dedicated 6S committee visiting our shop, and the support of our outstanding management leading the way, the canopy shop has been able to meet our production goals in the face of a lot of adversities,” said Robert King, a shop mechanic. “Through the implementation of the 6S program in our shop we better utilize our resources through better organization of our work and our progress. We have been better able to maintain our high quality and support of the war fighter.”

# Visually impaired students reach out, touch Robins through base tour

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While most people tour the base to see the sights of its mission – visually impaired students from the Georgia Academy for the Blind summer camp experienced Robins in a different way.

About 35 students from counties across Georgia, who recently attended the school’s week-long patriotic-themed camp, arrived June 28, to get a feel for the 19th Air Refueling Group’s mission and tour the Museum of Aviation.

Senior Airman T.J. Ablay, an in-flight boom operator for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron, said the tour was as exciting for him as it was for the students.

“We split them up into two groups, elementary and middle school,” he said. “We took the elementary school group (on) the airplane, while the middle school group went downstairs and felt along the landing gear, the wings and the struts. It was a really good time.”

Kids sat in the KC-135R Stratotanker’s cargo seats, felt the airplane controls, and laid in the boom pod, where boom operators do their refueling mission.

“These kids are amazing,” he said. “They all had their sponsors (guides) and you’d say, ‘OK, you’re going to go down in the boom pod. I’d tell them what it is, and I’d tell them what to do. It took two seconds to do what they had to do and none of them hit their heads even once.”

Airman Ablay said the kids were eager to “see” all they could.

“We had some rubber gloves waiting for them because the aircraft (can get) dirty,” he said. “Their sponsors said ‘no, that’s just going to hinder their sense of touch. These kids feel for a living.”

After getting their hands in the Black Knight’s mission, the kids toured the museum.

Candi James, guided tour coordinator at the museum, said the tour gave the students a hands-on history lesson.

“I give a lot of information on all my tours,” she said. “Since we ran a little short on time with this tour, the kids mainly toured the Heritage Building, and I gave them a brief talk about Native American history.”

The half-hour tour gave the students a tangible look at artifacts, such as deer and buffalo hides and a Native American drum, as Ms. James explained their origins.

“As with all our groups, we



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
**Jakai Blackmon, William Walker and Josh Well feel an F-105 Thunderchief at the Museum of Aviation June 28.**

evaluate their needs and do whatever we can to meet them,” she said.

Debbie Baggs, a high school math teacher at the academy, said she is grateful for the opportunity.

“Naturally, with the war in Iraq in the limelight, we zeroed in on the military aspect,” she said. “We thought, ‘what better way to build the patriotism aspect of our camp, but to pay a visit to the (base)?’.”

Ms. Baggs said the trip has given the children a new experience.

“Most of our kids have no concept of airplane wings, parachutes, and other things about planes,” she said. “They know the words and they’ve touched models of them, but they have no concept of real life (when it

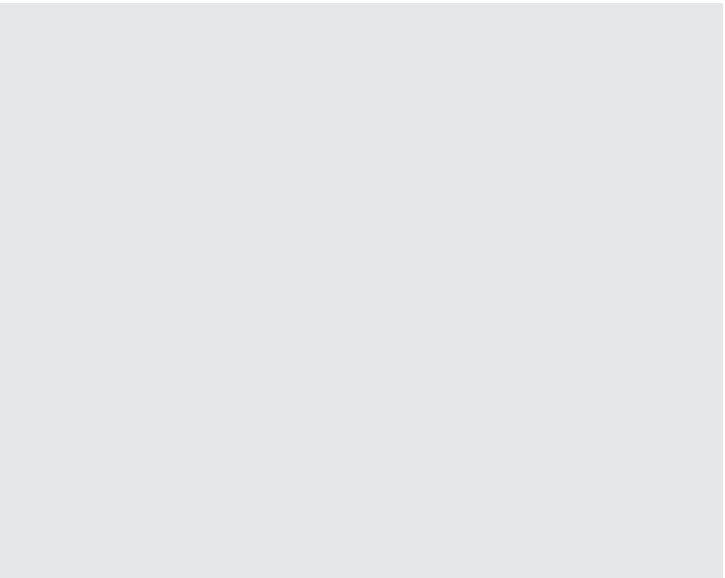
comes to these things).”

For Reggie Evans, one of the visually-impaired students on the tour, getting a feel for the 19th Air Refueling Group’s mission was one of the best parts of the day.

“I loved lying on my stomach in the back of the plane where the boom operator works,” he said.

But Reggie wasn’t the only one who had a story to tell about the day.

“I actually went home and told my wife about the experience and what we did that day,” said Airman Ablay. “Initially, my feeling toward these kids was that I felt bad and my heart sank for them. But by the time the tour was finished, I was soaring and felt so happy for them.”





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Tightning up

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -- Airman Lonnie Cuttill checks the electrical lines of a C-130 Hercules engine frame. The 374th Maintenance Squadron's T56 engine regional repair center Airmen handle all C-130 cargo aircraft engine repair in Pacific Air Forces.

Wingman culture complements core values

BROOKS CITY-BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper has emphasized the importance of looking out for one another, of being good “wingmen.”

With a clear vision in mind, he has described working toward building an Air Force “wingman culture.”

The key theme of the wingman culture, often celebrated at a base as “Wingman Day,” is Airmen helping Airmen. This culture is built on the premise that supporting each other during difficult times helps the Air Force succeed in its missions, and this becomes especially relevant during our increased ops tempo.

A wingman has specific duties. The perspective of the wingman is clearly different. As in flight, no one person can be aware of all the obstacles and dangers in the environment. Therefore, the wingman complements the lead pilot.

In a wingman culture, a wingman can see the “big picture” and recognize changes in a peer’s behavior. The wingman can see how the stress in a person’s life relates to his or her functioning. A wingman might be able to help that person change the impact of the stressor, or change the source of the stress.

The wingman culture is one

in which no matter where you are, at home or deployed, coming to the aid of a peer in need is paramount. Assisting of someone in distress and guiding him or her toward available community resources when needed not only requires compassion, awareness and knowledge, but also action.

The concept of total commitment is not entirely new for our Air Force. Any Airman who has embraced the three Air Force core values – integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do – knows the benefits of total commitment to being a good wingman. How are these values essential? They are at the very core of one’s identity, shaping what we view to be of greatest importance and of top priority in our lives. These values are lived out through our many roles in life, such as in the role of being a good friend or an excellent leader.

The wingman culture is built on guiding principles, such as personal responsibility and community involvement, that reinforce and uphold the Air Force core values. Each of these core values serves as a sign post on the road to serving others and building community excellence on a day-to-day basis:

Integrity encompasses the responsibility to assist others in

times of need and conveys to every Airman the fact that others are interested in his or her wellbeing; it can be as simple as talking to someone or giving him or her a list of community resources. A person of integrity possesses courage and does what is right even if the personal cost might be high. Courage instills confidence in making good decisions, such as encouraging someone to seek help. Building trust is another part of integrity that increases as we help someone. This includes providing moral support and forming relationships that encourage airmen to seek help when they need it

Service before self means respect for others and acknowledging the impact of our actions on their lives. Principles of this core value of being a good wingman include deference to others’ needs, respect for others and a spirit of collaboration; in essence, working together to help others.

A commitment to personal excellence requires learning about resources where others can receive assistance. For example, guiding someone to the chaplain or someone at the life skills support center can make a positive difference in that person’s life, perhaps even saving that life. Finally, all this guides us along the path to

community excellence, where all members gain by our individual actions of excellence.

The Air Force core values are reminders that inspire members to do their very best at all times. In taking action, we commit ourselves to care for each other, and this provides the building blocks that support the wingman culture.

But core values are not our values until we integrate them into the conduct of the activities of our lives. Being a good wingman entails taking care of your coworkers, family and friends. It also involves taking care of yourself. Integrating the core values of a good wingman means truly valuing yourself and those around you.

As we think of the core values relating to being good wingmen, and the value inherent in helping others, each one of us is reminded of the opportunities that exist on a day-to-day basis to extend a helping hand and perhaps even save a life. Take the opportunity to reflect on your total commitment and remember each and every day that “You are an Airman and that means you are a wingman.”

*This commentary was written by Lt. Col. John Stea and Maj. Nicole Frazer, Air Force Population Health Support Division.*



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**Col. Greg Patterson**  
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander's  
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Asbestos exposure

I'm concerned about my health and the health of others working in Building 301 while asbestos is being removed. I have been getting headaches and coughing for the past three days. I went home yesterday because of illness. I would like for someone to assure us that asbestos is not circulating throughout the building and affecting our health.

**Commander's reply:** I certainly appreciate your concerns with potential exposure to asbestos, but I can assure you that all appropriate measures are taken to ensure Robins employees are working in the safest environment possible while we work to improve facilities on the installation.

Renovations have occurred in Building 301 and will continue in an effort to produce a better work environment for employees working there. All known friable (the ability to crumble the material by hand) and potentially friable asbestos was removed from Building 301 in the early to mid-1990s by a team certified to abate asbestos. However, sometimes we encounter non-friable asbestos containing materials such as floor tile and mastic that adheres the tiles to the floor. A renovation contractor recently encountered this situation while renovating the repository area of Building 301. Although chances of releasing airborne asbestos fibers while removing the floor tile and mastic are very small, 78th Civil Engineer Group contract quality assurance monitors stopped all renovation work in that area until the presence of asbestos could be confirmed. The analysis results indicated a small presence of asbestos containing materials in the mastic and some of the tiles. The asbestos fibers are bound in both the mastic and tile and cannot become airborne unless some type of abrasive action such as power sanding is used on the tile surface.

The 78th CEG engaged with a reputable certified asbestos abatement contractor to remove the tile and mastic. The contractor contained the affected area with Environmental Protection Agency approved methods to ensure there was no chance of exposure to fibers while the tile and mastic were removed. Air samples were taken and analyzed throughout the process, and the containment materials were not removed until clearance air samples confirmed there was no unacceptable presence of asbestos fibers in the air.

'Dear Roz'

**Q: Should I participate in the survey about the new performance management system (<http://pfsurvey.net/nsps/>)? Is it worth my time?**

A: The decision to participate in the survey is a personal one. I think it's worth your time for a couple of reasons. First, we don't know the details of the new system yet. The survey offers an opportunity to influence the outcome of the new system that may not be offered again. You risk losing the opportunity if you do not participate. Secondly, the survey provides an opportunity to learn how the folks developing the system are thinking and may provide you an opportunity to better understand the final outcome. My office cannot emphasize enough the need for all employees to get involved with the development of the new system. We have not been hesitant to tell folks in our presentations

to write their congressional representatives if they dislike National Security Personnel System, but, at the same time, we tell everyone to get involved and learn the new system because we do not anticipate it will go away. We think it may be modified based on the meet and confer process, the survey results, and potentially some congressionally directed changes, but our money is on a pay for performance system in the very near future. We simply want everyone to take advantage of any and all opportunities to participate. In this case failure to participate could impact you for the rest of your career.

*Rosalind 'Roz' Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees' NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).*

Military justice

During the period of July 4 through 10, no members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment

under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. There were no administrative dis-

charges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period. – 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office





U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Lt. Col. Kurt Raffetto will be presented the 2004 Georgia State Firefighter Association Rookie of the Year award in August.

# Air Force Reserve C-130 command pilot, firefighter earns state award

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**  
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When Lt. Col. Kurt Raffetto isn't fighting the War on Terrorism, he's fighting fires. Colonel Raffetto, an Air Force Reserve Command C-130 command pilot, who serves as a Houston County volunteer firefighter at the Lake Joy fire station, will be presented the 2004 Georgia State Firefighter Association Rookie of the Year award a conference in Valdosta, Ga., in August.

The 40-year-old California native said his desire to help others inspired his firefighting career.

"The best part to me is being able to help other people," he said. "It's just one more way, like with the Air Force, that I can help and assist people."

Colonel Raffetto, who has fought numerous structural fires during his two-year career, said he's proud of the distinction.

"It's nice," he said. "The county award was nice enough, but the fact I've been recognized at the state level is outstanding."

Master Sgt. John Hunt, Air Traffic Control Training manager with the AFRC, who serves along side Colonel Raffetto in battling flames in Houston County, said his fellow firefighter has done a great job serving both the base and local community.

"Not only did he do the regular Air Force job, but he also did all the training that's required to be a nationally certified firefighter and answered a majority of the calls in the county, as far as rookies go," he said.

Sergeant Hunt, who joined the department in 1998, said it's evident that the colonel has what it takes to succeed.

"It's probably personality more than anything," he said. "To be able to succeed in the Air Force, there are a lot of things that you have to do to make

colonel and be a pilot. That kind of goes hand-in-glove with what we do off-duty as well."

During his first year, Colonel Raffetto felt the heat of juggling a busy deployment schedule while answering more than 200 fire calls – a task his peers said he met with ease.

"The more you're involved in this career, the more you want to bring the right people into it," said Sergeant Hunt. "If I have to crawl into a burning house or cut a car open or if we have to do a dive rescue, you've got to have the guy with you who you know is going to be able to see it to the end, someone with that strong personality. Colonel Raffetto is that person."

Jimmy Williams, Houston County Fire Department chief, said he's proud to have Colonel Raffetto on his firefighting team.

"Colonel Raffetto has been an asset to our department by filling in the gaps and assisting the community in the fire service aspect."

# Mexican Air Force officers get closer view of Robins

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**  
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Four Mexican Air Force officers recently visited Robins as part of the Department of Defense's Traditional Activities Program.

Brig. Gen. Alvaro Garcia, Lt. Col. Saul Guillen, Lt. Col. Rodolfo Chinas and Lt. Col. Jose Gomez of the Mexican Air Force, accompanied by U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. John Vail, the group's interpreter, toured the 116th Air Control Wing, the C-130 Technical Control Group, the C-130 Program Depot Maintenance area and areas within the 402nd Maintenance Wing.

Colonel Vail, said the program gave the group insight into the U.S. Air Force mission, as well as a glimpse at what Georgia has to offer.

"The program funds orientation (of U.S. Armed Forces) to build relationships between the U.S. Armed Forces and the partner nation," he said. "In this case it's Air Force to Air Force, but the traditional (program) applies to Army, Navy, and the Marines as well."

Robins' heavy involvement with C-130 air-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
From left, Lt. Col. Saul Guillen, Lt. Col. Rodolfo Chinas, Brig. Gen. Alvaro Garcia and Lt. Col. Jose Gomez listen to a briefing at the Museum of Aviation.

craft maintenance drew the officers' interest, the colonel said.

As part of the group's week-long stay, Colonel Vail said the Mexican Air Force officers' visit also included a trip to the Museum of Aviation, a local Civil War battlefield site, and a tour of the CNN Center in Atlanta.

## Officials announce selections to captain

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Officials using the captain promotion process selected 563 lieutenants out of 570 for promotion to captain.

The results of the CY05A Quarterly Captain Selection Process are as follows:

In-the-promotion zone:

- 426 line officers were selected from 429 considered for a 99.3-percent selection rate.
- Two chaplain officers were selected from two considered for a 100-percent selection rate.
- 38 judge advocate generals were selected from 38 considered for a 100-percent selection rate.
- 43 nurse corps officers were selected from 43 considered for a 100-percent selection rate.

► 21 medical science corps officers were selected from 21 considered for a 100-percent selection rate.

► 28 biomedical science corps officers were selected from 28 considered for a 100-percent selection rate.

Above-the-promotion zone:

- Five line officers were selected from nine considered for a 55.6-percent selection rate.

The entire list is available on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom/).

Robins' results:

**Nathan P. Andrews**, 128th ACCS

**Gerardo Caballero**, 16th

ACCS

**Derrick J. Iwanenko**, 16th ACCS

**Michael J. Letchworth**, 128th ACCS

**Adam D. McKinney**, 12th ACCS

**Karena K. Zaloudek**, 12th ACCS

**Pamela R. Montelepre**, 367th Recruiting Group

**Chiriga O. Wilson**, WR-ALC/EN

**Brandon L. Franklin**, 78th OSS

**Allegra L. Rosler**, 78th OSS

**Eve M. Drzyzga**, 78th AMDS

**Edward B. Walters**, 78th AMDS

**Manolito Figueroa**, WR-ALC/LA

**Travis W. James**, 78th SFS

# Squadron changes of command



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL  
Col. Steven Bernard, 19th Air Refueling Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Marc VanWert as he assumes command of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron June 30. He replaces Lt. Col. Creg Paulk, who left to go to the National War College in Washington D.C.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON  
Col. Donald B. Chew, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander passes the guidon to Maj. Paul Kanning, who assumed command of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron June 24. He replaces Lt. Col. Paul Wood, who moved to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

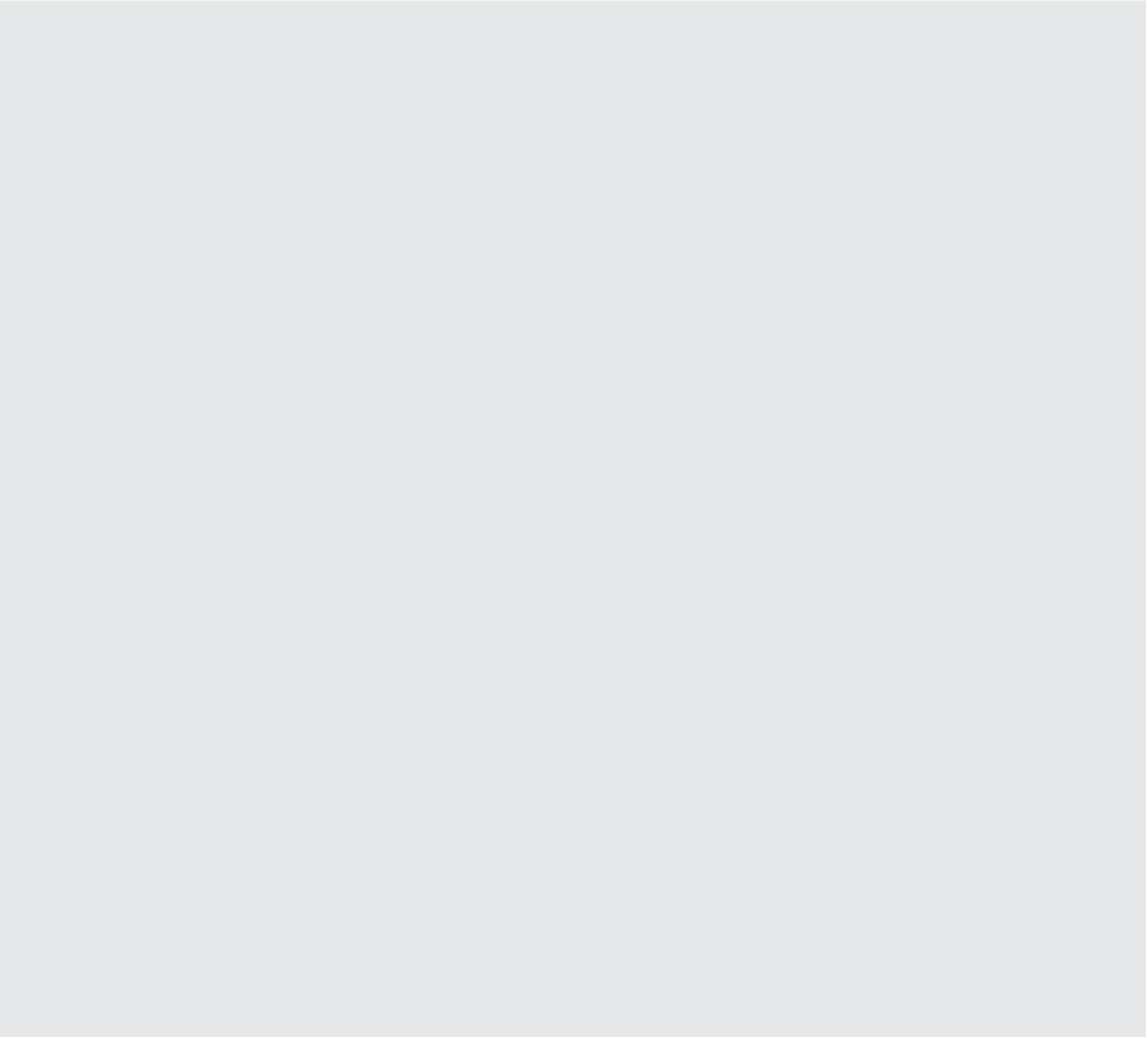
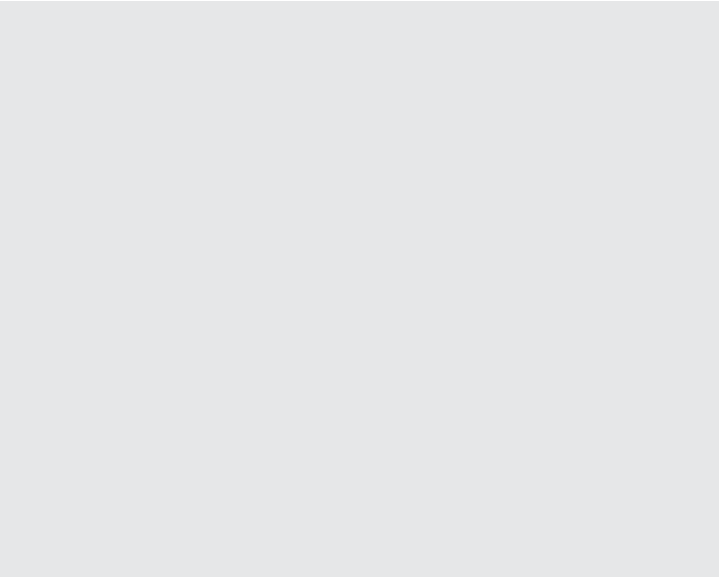
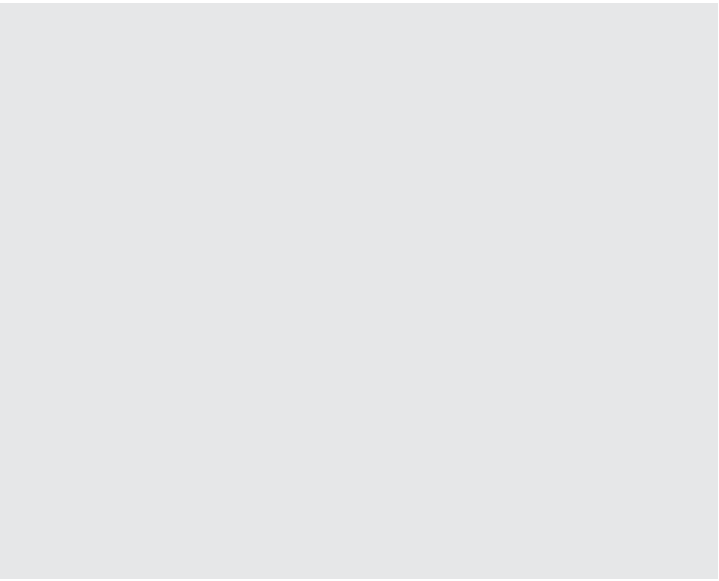
## Healthy Start School Screenings begin July 23

The 78th Medical Group, 78th Security Forces Squadron, and the Robins school system will sponsor Healthy Start School Screenings (formerly known as Operation Save A Child) for the 2005-2006 school year. Georgia and the Department of Defense require all new students entering the school system to have hearing, vision and dental screenings, as well as needed immunizations. A team of health care providers and the

Security Forces' Crime Prevention Unit will be available to provide the following services for eligible dependents of active duty and retired personnel: ID cards and fingerprinting, dental vision, hearing, scoliosis screenings; height, weight, and blood pressure measurements and immunizations. There will also be a visit from McGruff, the crime prevention dog, and Alex the Alligator, 78th Dental Squadron mascot.

The schedule is as follows:  
► New Houston County schools students **July 23** and **Aug. 20**, 9 a.m.-noon, 78th Medical Clinic, Building 700A  
► New Robins Elementary School students **Sept. 7, 9** a.m.-3 p.m., Robins Elementary School

— From staff reports





# Airmen teach C-130 ops to Iraqis, learn about sacrifice

By **TECH. SGT. MELISSA PHILLIPS**  
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ALI BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – When a crew of instructors deployed here to teach Iraqi airmen the finer points of flying and maintaining the C-130 Hercules, they knew they had a monumental task in front of them. But what they found was something unexpected.

Slowly over several months, Iraqi and U.S. Airmen have developed lifelong friendships with the very men they previously called enemies.

“Our instructors are more than just a friend,” said Iraqi air force Capt. S, a maintenance officer with Squadron 23. “We are like brothers.” Names of Iraqi airmen were withheld as a means of force protection.

The squadron is the first medium airlift postwar Iraqi air force flying squadron and is now more than 100 airmen strong. More than 30 advisory support team instructors, all assigned here to either the 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron or 777th Airlift Squadron, teach their Iraqi counterparts in aircrew and logistics specialties.

The team also maintains a few specialized jobs such as maintenance operations center controller, sortie support section, production supervisor, maintenance officer and superintendent.

Master Sgt. Patrick Shaw, an aerial port instructor deployed from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., said coming here has revealed a new world to him. He teaches students who previously subscribed to a different philosophy on how to get the aerial port mission done.

Before learning the U.S. aerial port processes, the Iraqi students would go straight from the aircraft to the battlefield, Sergeant Shaw said.

Under the old regime, Iraqi



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JAMIE SHULTZ

**Master Sgt. Patrick Shaw, left, and Senior Master Sgt. James Baarda instruct one of their Iraqi air force students, right, on the finer points of loading a C-130 Hercules.**

airmen did not have the same level of accountability over cargo and people. So it has been an interesting process of getting them to understand why the paperwork is so important and will help reduce duplication of effort in the long run, Sergeant Shaw said.

Most of the Iraqi airmen have been doing the same job on other transport aircraft for years, some for longer than a few of the U.S. Airmen have been alive. Although the Iraqi air force has a solid foundation in transport flight processes, it still has not been an easy process to access their past experience.

Master Sgt. Tommy Lee, a flight engineer instructor, and his other teammates have had to find new and inventive ways to bridge the language gap.

“One time I had to explain in six different ways why the instrument panel wasn’t lit up,” said Sergeant Lee, who is deployed from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. “One of the students had skipped a step on the checklist,

and it took me 30 minutes to explain what it would have taken less than 30 seconds to explain to a U.S. Airman, because of the communication barrier.”

In the beginning, there were no interpreters. Now the unit has three.

Despite the obstacles, in less than six months the first Iraqi air force pilot and co-pilot flew alone without a U.S. pilot in a flight seat position, and the first navigator was fully qualified. Plus, more than 65 Iraqi air force mechanics have received their equivalent of a 5-level certification and are now working toward their 7-level equivalent.

“These are the best people I’ve ever worked with,” said Tech. Sgt. Aaron Havens, an electrician and environmental instructor deployed from Pope Air Force Base, N.C. “They pay attention, they like to keep everything clean (while performing maintenance), and with them it’s all about the airplane.”

The students are continually struggling to understand a new

language and different ways of doing things while simultaneously fighting for their lives and worrying about keeping their identities secret to protect themselves and their families from harm by insurgents.

But for them, they say it is worth it because they no longer fight for just one man – they fight for their country.

For Captain S, who was also an officer during the previous regime, that shift in mentality is priceless.

“I recently went to visit an Iraqi soldier in the hospital,” he said. “He had lost both his legs, and we went there to comfort him. When we were leaving, we told him, ‘May God be with you.’ He called back out to me, ‘For Iraq, I would give up my whole life, not just my legs.’”

Most of the Iraqi airmen have businesses or farms and are relatively well off already. But when the opportunity came to return to the service they love, regardless of the risk, they jumped on it.

Since Jan. 14, when the squadron was officially formed, the airmen have been sneaking in the shadows and many have hid their allegiance to the Iraqi air force to family and friends, some even to their own wives.

Captain S’s wife, concerned for her family’s safety, continually pleads with him to quit and has also asked his father to pressure him. But the captain, whose own son does not know he is currently serving, said, “If I don’t do it, who will?”

“I dream that Iraq will someday be safe,” he said. “We will be at peace, and at peace with our neighbors. I wish for a civilized country and a better place for my children.

“I try to teach my son to respect the armed forces when he sees them in the streets,” he said. “One day when he grows up, I want him to know his father sacrificed during the worst period in his country in order for his children to have a better Iraq.”

Flight Engineer J also fights for the same dream and a chance to build a new Iraqi air force.

He has been a flight engineer for 10 years, but until now has never felt able to express concerns to his superiors because of his lower rank.

“I’m impressed at how Americans treat each other as far as rank,” Engineer J said. “They treat each other equally. During the previous regime there was a huge difference between a flight engineer and pilot. Now, we work together.

“Because of the treatment we’ve experienced from our instructors firsthand and the friendship they’ve shown us, it’s made me change my views on all Americans,” he said. “We understand the true (meaning of) American kindness.”

Both Iraqi airmen said one of the proudest moments in their lives was during the ceremony when the Department of Defense gave three C-130 Hercules to the

squadron, and the Iraqi air force placed the Iraqi flag on their own planes. The second was when they saw one of their planes take off and fly for the first time.

“We are so proud to be the first unit to fly Iraqi air force planes,” Engineer J said.

Their pride is contagious.

“This is the pinnacle of my career and the most rewarding job I’ve ever had in my Air Force career,” Sergeant Shaw said. “This job has given me a lot of insight to working outside your comfort zone. You really get a front seat to how other peoples’ actions (affect) organizations across the board.

“My students will continue to teach new students, and what we started here will allow them to move their forces and security folks to where they’re threatened to secure their nation,” he said.

From the start, Sergeant Shaw realized the historical significance of his job, but said he did not realize how strongly he would feel for the plight of his students.

“You get very close to these guys and you want to see them succeed,” Sergeant Shaw said.

He and the other instructors know their students’ family members by name and take an interest in their daily lives and vice versa. Some of the instructors and students have the other country’s flag in their homes and can recognize the sound of the other servicemember’s spouse on the other end of the phone.

“Sometimes it’s overwhelming to know how much of an (effect) you’re making when you’re in the middle of it,” Sergeant Shaw said. “But then you realize you’re helping specific people – specific people I know by name – and we are helping them to succeed.

“I don’t know what history will write, but if this is the smallest footnote or biggest chapter in history, I’ll never forget it,” he said.





U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Robins firefighters spray down 'victims' to wash off contaminants during a Full Spectrum Threat Response exercise Wednesday.

# Dirty bomb

## Exercise prepares Robins for real world crisis

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A week-long series of exercise scenarios testing various emergency responses, evacuation and accountability procedures, and command and control fulfilled this quarter's Center exercise requirement, but also gave local and base first responders a chance to hone their craft.

According to the Center Inspector General's Exercise Office employees, an Air Force requirement mandates at least four full spectrum threat response exercises, or FSTREs, be carried out each year. But this week's exercise gave the Center's recently stood up wings a chance to accomplish some of their exercise objectives as well.

"The wings wanted to see things like 'when you evacuate a building where do you go and how to you account for all your people and communicate that back up the chain of command?'," said Lt. Col. Sabrina Norwood, deputy Inspector General.

"The medical people have requirements too, like 'how do you triage patients and how do you handle deaths?'"

Wednesday's FSTR helped put all of those questions to the test.

When a "dirty bomb" exploded behind Building 768, Houston Medical Center paramedics, base firefighters, security forces and bio-environmental personnel responded to moulaged victims and possible contamination.

Greg Chapman, Houston Healthcare Complex EMS paramedics' supervisor, said the exercise was needed.

"This type of event is something we need to continue practicing, especially with all of the terrorism threats going on," he said.

He said over the years he has worked many exercises, and in his experience real disasters always work out better than the drills.

"You have more things visually, and

everyone knows his or her role," he said. "The only problem we've run into is the differences between your military way and civilian way of doing business. Overall what we are practicing are triage systems and incident command."

Colonel Norwood said she was glad to have them take part in the exercise.

"That's a biggie for us because anytime we can get real world people off base to participate, it makes it just that much more realistic," she said. "They look for opportunities to participate too."

On base responders were tested as well. Kevin Bartoe, Robins Fire Department hazardous materials coordinator, said he thinks things went well overall.

"For the most part, today was successful," he said. "As always there are areas for improvement, but that's why we're here, to do this in a non-emergency environment so we can do it well during a real emergency."

He said the fire department's goals were to test their response capabilities to an incident involving a Radiological Dispersion Device, or "dirty bomb," which is a conventional explosive with radioactive material attached to it.

"We wanted to ensure our firefighters know how to enter a scene properly without getting contaminated, affect rescue of victims in that area and decontaminate and assess them," he said.

Kenneth Presse, IG office exercise branch management and program analyst, said from the top, the purpose of the exercise was to look at and evaluate the first responders – primarily security forces, fire department, medics and bioenvironmental – on how they would handle an incident involving an explosive that had some radioactive material attached to it, making it a dirty bomb, because that changes the whole scenario.

"This (type of scenario) is something we have to do every two years," he said. "We set it up, make the calls to everyone and let them



respond. We're supposed to have a good working relationship with the downtown emergency responders so, this tested that too."

Mr. Presse said next week they will conduct a hot wash with all of the exercise evaluation team members where they will talk about what they saw.

"It evaluates the training and how well the individuals are doing what they are supposed to be doing."

Other scenarios for the week included security attacks, computer vulnerability tests, alarm activation, program managers going through surges, covert surveillance, and people trying to gain access to the installation with fake IDs.



Above left, a 'victim's' wrist is tied with a black ribbon to indicate he's dead. Above, Tech. Sgts. Larry Hall, left, and Earl George define the area that's cordoned off at the entry point control.



Base emergency responders and Houston Healthcare Emergency Medical services coordinated efforts to respond to a 'dirty bomb' explosion Wednesday.

### THE SCENARIOS

Formerly known as a Major Accident Response Exercise, or MARE, the Full Spectrum Threat Response Exercise, or FSTRE, gives Team Robins a chance to evaluate their emergency response processes through various scenarios.

**FSTRE Scenario** - A pickup explodes behind Building 768, the main dining facility, discharging a radioactive cloud and injuring several people. The purpose of the exercise was to test first responders, local hospital response and command and control. Other scenarios included:

- ▶ An individual attempts to gain

access to the installation using an ID that was found off-base to test gate guard ability to identify false ID.

- ▶ An individual attempts to observe and note information on security procedures at Gate 14 from the Russell Parkway overpass to test base populace

and Security Forces awareness of activities occurring off-base.

- ▶ Building 263, the Law Enforcement Desk relocates due to a bomb threat to test Security Forces ability to evacuate and establish operations in the alternate location and secure the scene.

- ▶ Building evacuations to test evacuation procedures and accountability.

- ▶ Hostage situation occurs in base housing to test Security Force's response, hostage negotiation and Office of Special Investigations handling of a crime scene.



TODAY

“Gym in a Bag” kits will be available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Gymnasium, Building 827. The bag contains exercise tubes, instructions for each type of tubing and a work-out log to track progress. Participants enrolled in the “Walk into Wellness” Walking Campaign who have completed their 100 miles may turn in their log sheets to earn their pedometer. Those who have not completed their 100 miles may sign out the pedometer for another three months or turn it back in. Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave to allow attendance and return to work in no more than one hour. Additional time will be charged to annual leave, available compensatory time or leave without pay.

Catfish on the curb is offered Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. To-go dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95.

Information, Tickets and Travel has 7th Annual Al Sihah Shrine Rodeo tickets for today and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Shrine Park, Macon. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

SATURDAY

A racquetball tournament will be held at the Fitness Center starting at 9 a.m. and will include a men’s, women’s and seniors ABC divisions. For more information, call 926-2128.

Youth fall sports registration will be held today, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., for tackle football, flag football, cheerleading and fall soccer. Coaches are needed. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Building 1021.

SUNDAY

The Officers’ Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for non-members.

A civilian recreation golf tournament will be held with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$40 for annual green fee members and \$55 for guests, and includes breakfast, lunch, drinks on the course, green fee, golf car and prizes. For more information, call 926-2105 or 926-4103.

MONDAY

Children 10 years old and younger are invited to participate in the “Be a Bookworm” summer reading program at the Base Library through Aug. 1 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. To register, visit the Library, Building 905, or call 327-7380.

The Robins Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Memorial Organization meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center.

Play Bunco at the Smith Community Center at 6 p.m. Must be 16 years or older to play. For more information, call 926-1303.

TUESDAY

The Family Support Center will offer an informal presentation on volunteer opportunities both on and off base from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the FSC annex, Building 945.

A class on interviewing basics and preparation will be offered from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Building 905, room 123.

Officers’ Christian Fellowship meets at 7:15 p.m. at a member’s home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil.

Karaoke is scheduled every Tuesday at the Enlisted Club from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. For more information, call 926-4515.

WEDNESDAY

The Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management

Good sports



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, presented the sports day trophy for 2005 to the 78th Security Forces Squadron at a commander’s call at the Base Theater June 28. Maj. James Seward, 78th SFS commander, and Senior Airman Marquita Balom accepted the award from Colonel Patterson.

Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For more information, call Altry James at 222-2245.

The International Society of Logistics, SOLE, will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers’ Club Georgia Room. The guest speaker will be retired Col. Kent Mueller, ARINC Systems Engineering senior director here at Warner Robins, and he will discuss “Crystal Ball”, an ARINC Enterprise Operations. Non-members are welcome. Go through the lunch line and be seated by 11:30. For more information, call Debbie Jackson at 222-1343 or Laird Van Gorder at 926-0597.

A Members First Plus membership dinner will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Cost for members is free, guests \$5 and nonmembers \$10. For more information, call 926-4515.

Learn how to salsa from 6:30 - 8 p.m. This seven-week course will be held on Wednesdays in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$105 or \$15 per week for singles and \$175 or \$25 per week for couples. Students must pay for a minimum of four weeks to register. Balance will be due before the third week of class. For more information, call 926-2105.

THURSDAY

A Smooth Move workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Building 905, room 141. Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Management Flight, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, Tricare, Family Advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide moving information and answer questions.

An Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter Preparation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center annex, Building 945.

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Col. Richard G. Griffith, 78th Medical Group commander, will host the quarterly 78th MDG Health Care Consumer’s Advisory Council Meeting at 2 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum which will provide information about current medical processes and future endeavors. Commanders, First Sergeants, Command Champions, enlisted, officers, civilians, and all others are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Denise

Roberts at 327-8374.

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. John Maldonado at 926-7686 or Senior Master Sgt. Cynthia Cummings at 327-7639.

A Jr. Smooth Move workshop will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Family Support Center annex, Building 945, for children ages 6-12. Space is limited, so early registration is required.

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Enjoy jazz and rhythm and blues entertainment.

UPCOMING

Let’s burn rubber during the 5K and 10K road race July 23 at 8 a.m. For more information, call 926-2128.

World Wrestling Entertainment Vengeance is the scheduled entertainment at the Enlisted Club July 24 at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for guests. For more information, call 926-4515

Hook Up 2 Bowling will be held July 25, 27 and 28 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Robins Lanes Bowling Center. This clinic includes group instruction and on-lane lessons by pro bowler Jeff Herman. Those who complete the program will receive a bowling ball, bag and towel. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$69 for children 17 and younger. For more information, call 926-2112.

American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be at 11 a.m. July 27 at the Officers’ Club ballroom. Dianna Glymph, Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program president, will be the guest speaker. Cost to attend is \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members. You must R.S.V.P. by July 25 with a ticket representative: Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Pam Boyd at 222-0386 or Cynthia Drosos at 222-2383.

The Federal Managers Association’s Chapter 121 is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year Award. Military and civilian supervisors or managers at all levels are eligible if they have made significant contributions in 2004-2005. Any employee, supervisor, manager or organization may submit nominations. Deadline for nominations is July 27. Anyone with questions may call Sandra Portz at 926-3628. Nomination packages must be delivered to 78th ABW/XPP, Building 376, Room 469, or forwarded to sandra.portz@robins.af.mil, no later than close of business July 27.

A junior club championship is scheduled for July 30 at 2 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$10 per person. For more

information or to register, call 926-4103.

The 2005 Robins Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony will be Aug. 5 at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and the dinner and ceremony starts at 6:30. Attire for military members is mess dress or semi-formal dress uniform and formal attire for civilians. Tickets cost \$21 for club members and \$23 for non-club members. Please sign up with your Unit First Sergeants no later than July 22.

Past and current 34th Maintenance Squadron, 402nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and 622nd CLSS members are invited to attend a reunion picnic Aug. 13, beginning at noon at the picnic pavilion by the Fitness Center. To R.S.V.P., call 926-3115 or 926-2912 by Aug. 5.

Letters of intent for flag football are due by Aug. 5. For more information, call 926-2128.

Robins Company Grade Officers’ Association will hold its Summer Social and membership drive Aug. 19, from 3 -8 p.m. at the Officers’ Club poolside patio. All commanders, CGOs, and their families are invited to this free evening of swimming, food, fun and games. Activities include Texas Hold’em style poker, volleyball, and horseshoe tournaments, as well as a variety of games for kids. There will also be a challenging game of Assassins running throughout the night. Prizes will also be awarded to the winners of certain events. Dress is summer attire or swimsuit. To attend, R.S.V.P. by Aug. 10 to Capt. Aaron Neiss at 222-0127 or aaron.neiss@robins.af.mil; or 1st Lt. Eric Florschuetz at 926-3443 or eric.florschuetz@robins.af.mil.

ONGOING

Parents who are new to and reside on base may register their children at Robins Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. School starts Aug. 9. To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1; for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1; and for first grade, a child must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1. Students entering school for the first time are required to present a birth certificate, social security number for the student and immunization records. For more information, call 926-5003. All children between the ages of 7 and 16 are required to attend school in Georgia.

To have an item listed, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

**Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants**  
Amber Tamblyn, America Ferrara

Four best friends spend their first summer apart from one another but share a magical pair of jeans. Despite being of various shapes and sizes, each one of them fits perfectly into the pants. *Rated PG (thematic elements, some sensuality and language)* 120 minutes

SATURDAY

**Madagascar**  
Ben Stiller, Chris Rock  
(doors open at 1 p.m.)

Four residents of the New York’s Central Park Zoo have spent their lives living happily in the zoo. Then one of them falls in with a crowd of devious penguins. *Rated PG (mild language, crude humor and some thematic elements)* 80 minutes

**Cinderella Man**  
Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger  
(doors open at 6 p.m.)

In the middle of the Great Depression, James J. Braddock, a.k.a. the “Cinderella Man”, had the crowd cheering as he proved just how hard a man would fight to win a second chance for his family and himself. *Rated PG-13 (intense boxing violence and some language)* 144 minutes

UPCOMING

July 22: The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl  
July 23:Mr. and Mrs. Smith  
July 29: The Perfect Man  
July 30: Batman Begins

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

Jennifer Cook, WRALC/GBZRKIS. Point of contact is Bridgitte C. Morgan at 222-4707.

Caye Thompson, 78thMSS/DPCSA. Point of contact is Linda Veal at 222-0664.



# Failed fitness tests motivate Airman

By **SENIOR AIRMAN STACIA ZACHARY**  
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AFPN) – With the prospect of being kicked out of the Air Force for failing to meet fitness standards, Senior Airman Brian Graack, of the 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here, was forced with a decision: shape up or ship out.

With five failed fitness tests looming in his past and scores averaging between 30 to 40 points – a poor rating – Airman Graack had more than just a little work to do if he wanted to remain in the Air Force. With his current weight issues and inability to meet the new fitness benchmark, Airman Graack had six weeks of preparation before his sixth and final test. He needed to score a marginal rating – more than 70 points.

“It finally dawned on me that this was it, and if I didn’t pass the fitness test and got kicked out, I had no backup plan on how I was going to support my wife and baby daughter,” he said. “I decided I needed to do whatever it took to stay in the Air Force.”

With help from his wife, Angela, co-workers and a strict fitness and nutrition regimen, Airman Graack set out to lose weight, get in shape and pass the fit test.

He was determined to work out twice a day and break his habit of drinking sodas by replacing all fluids with water.

His wife was in charge of the diet while Airman Graack’s friend, Senior Airman Trent Blair, of the 43rd Operations Group, helped motivate him on the running track.

“My wife was my rock,” he said. “She cleaned the house out of all things tempting to eat and made healthy meals for lunch and dinner. I mostly ate fruits and vegetables, some red meat and a lot of chicken. All fast food and fried foods were off-limits to me.”

Airman Graack’s other focus was centered on exercise.

“I (exercised) twice a day, and I took mock fitness tests



U.S. Air Force photo by **SENIOR AIRMAN STACIA ZACHARY**

**POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. – Senior Airman Brian Graack shows a picture of himself before he got the ultimatum to get in shape or get out of the Air Force.**

one to two times a week,” he said. “At nights, Trent would run with me on a 3-mile route past (a local college). Little by little, the runs got easier.”

Forty-five pounds leaner, he finally passed his test with a 71, nearly 40 points higher than less than a month before.

“I feel better about myself,” he said. “My attitude has changed so much, and I am more focused and better able to do my job. It’s amazing what weight can do to a person’s self-esteem.”

Throughout his struggle to get fit, his squadron’s Airmen have applauded his efforts.

“While I provided motivation and allotted him additional time for training, it was ultimately his drive to stay in the Air Force that made him successful,” said Staff Sgt. Richard Bullard, 43rd AMXS tool journeyman and the Airman Graack’s supervisor.

While the burden was Airman Graack’s to bear, he did not do it alone, nor did he accomplish it without Air Force notice.

“I am only going to get better, and next time around I plan on scoring an excellent (on the test),” Airman Graack said.



# Officials urge Airmen to be wary of scams

By **TECH. SGT. BRYAN GATEWOOD**  
36th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – “Congratulations! You’re the winner of \$6 million. All we need you to do is contact our agent to begin the claim process.”

At one time or another, most people have received this type of offer in the mail or by e-mail. This “to-good-to-be-true” offer is in fact a scam to entice people to give up money or personal information. The foreign lottery scam is just one scam Airmen here have recently been subjected to through the mail.

“Be very wary,” said Special Agent John Phillips, of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations’ Detachment 602 here. “The old adage, ‘you can’t get something for nothing,’ generally applies 99 out of 100 times.”

Whether the scam is conducted via mail, e-mail or phone, it usually falls into two broad categories: fronting money and identity theft.

“Scams that fraudulently convince victims to front someone money on the promise that they’ll receive more back are the hardest for victims to do anything about, as the fraud perpetrators are often overseas,” said Maj. Bruce Page, 36th Air Expeditionary Wing legal office.

“The biggest challenge in taking legal action against computer or mail fraud is often jurisdictional,” he said. “Identify theft victims seldom recover everything they’ve lost, but at least in the case of identity theft, there are more consumer protection laws that often limit the amount of loss for which a victim will be held accountable.”

The Federal Trade Commission offers the following cautions to consumers considering responding to a foreign lottery:

►Playing a foreign lottery through the mail or over the telephone violates federal law.

►There are no secret systems for winning foreign lotteries. The chances of winning more than the cost of your tickets are slim to none.

►If a person purchases one foreign lottery ticket, he or she should expect many more bogus offers for lottery or investment “opportunities.” His or her name will be placed on “sucker lists” that fraudulent telemarketers buy and sell.

►People should keep their credit card and bank account numbers to themselves. Scam artists often ask for them during an unsolicited sales pitch.

The bottom line is to ignore mail and phone solicitations for foreign lottery promotions, FTC officials said.

“If you receive what looks like lottery material from a for-

eign country, give it to your local postmaster,” Agent Phillips said.

Another scam that falls into the broad category of identity theft is “phishing” scams, which use e-mail or malicious Web sites to solicit personal information, including Social Security numbers, bank account numbers or passwords.

“Attackers may send an e-mail seemingly from a reputable credit card company or financial institution that requests account information, often suggesting there is a problem,” said Staff Sgt. John Racela II, an information system security manager here. “When users respond with the requested information, attackers use it to gain access to their accounts.”

Not only are these scam artists asking for the information, but they also put what appears to be a legitimate Web site address that routes the consumer to an official looking Web site where the perpetrators can gather the information, he said.

“Pay attention to the address of the Web site,” Sergeant Racela said. “Malicious Web sites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the address may use a variation in spelling or a different domain like dot-com instead of dot-net. Try to verify the request by contacting the company directly using information from previous statements. Don’t use contact information on

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU’RE A VICTIM

If someone believes he or she is a victim of phishing, he or she should:

►Report it to his or her information systems security officer or workgroup manager who will alert the wing information assurance office.

►If financial accounts may be compromised, contact his or her financial institution immediately and close any accounts that may have been compromised. Watch for any unexplainable charges to the accounts.

►Consider reporting the attack to the police and filing a report with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

the Web site connected to the request.”

Major Page offered Airmen more advice: “To best protect yourself against identity theft, limit your credit card applications, shred unwanted credit applications and other documents containing personal identifying information, and periodically check your credit reports.”

Airmen at Robins who think they may have been a victim of fraud can call the legal office at 926-3961.

# New housing allowance guidelines won’t result in pay cut for servicemembers

By **ARMY SGT. SARA WOOD**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense officials are eliminating the “geographic rate protection” clause that ensures servicemembers moving to a new area receive the same housing allowance as those already living there.

Geographic rate protection is expiring in January because basic allowance for housing rates have reached a level where servicemembers no longer have to pay out-of-pocket expenses for housing, said Col. Virginia Penrod, Defense Department director of military compensation.

Colonel Penrod said that the housing allowance rate is set at the average housing cost for the area. Rates are further set based on military rank, with each pay-grade level having a set acceptable standard of housing.

Servicemembers may still have to pay some out-of-pocket expenses if they choose to live above that level. Conversely, if servicemembers choose to live below the average level, they will still receive

the same BAH rate.

Servicemembers still have “individual rate protection” as long as they stay within the same geographic area. If average housing costs in a given geographic area go down, people already living in that area continue to receive the higher amount.

However, servicemembers moving into that area receive the lower amount. Geographic rate protection was a temporary protection put into effect to prevent people of the same pay grade living in the same area from getting different amounts of housing allowance.



## Eglin spared as Hurricane Dennis flexes



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN MIKE MEARES

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Senior Airman Shaun Cox (seated) lays out a plan with Airman 1st Class Brian Mikua and Senior Airman Michael Rambaran (far right) Sunday to clean up debris left here by Hurricane Dennis. The Airmen are assigned to the 796th Civil Engineer Squadron. Hurricane Dennis approached the Emerald Coast and the base July 8, an area still trying to get back to a sense of normalcy 10 months after Hurricane Ivan ripped through the area. When the maximum sustained winds of Hurricane Dennis peaked at 150 mph on July 8, Dennis made history as the strongest Atlantic Basin hurricane on record for July and the strongest Atlantic hurricane this early in the season.

